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Application of:

Examiner: Thissell, J.
Group Art Unit No. 3635

OLBERDING, RONALD E., et al.

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
REINFORCING A DOOR ASSEMBLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please enter this Amendment in the above-referenced application before substantive examination.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 39-56 as follows:

39. A fenestration product comprising:

a door assembly including a door and a pair of laterally spaced, structural door jambs,

said door assembly further including door hardware configured to associate the door with the

door jambs, said door hardware including a strike plate fixed relative to a strike-side

one of the door jambs and a hinge fixed relative to a hinge-side one of the door jambs

to swingably mount the door on the hinge-side door jamb;

a strike-side sidelight assembly adjacent the strike-side door jamb; and

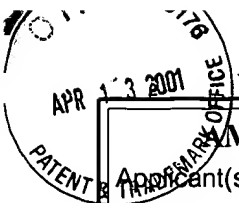
a strike-side reinforcement plate secured to the strike-side door jamb and configured to

restrict movement of the strike plate relative to the strike-side door jamb.

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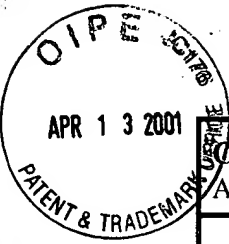
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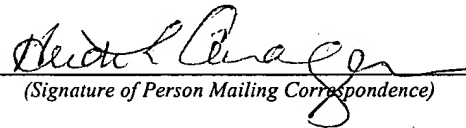


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